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INTEREST INCREASES IN CONFERENCES TO BE HELD HERE THIS 1940 SEASON TWO ADDITIONAL GATHERINGS LISTED

The sixty first season of the Northfield Summer Conferences will be ushered in on June 21st when the Northfield Girls Conference begins its sessions. Then will follow in order the Mount Hermon Alumni Institute at Mount Hermon June 29 to July 6 inclusive; The Massachusetts Christian Endeavor Conference on the Seminary campus, June 29th to July 6th; Then the Y W C A Business Girls Conference at Mount Hermon, July 6th to 13th; Then the Northfield Missionary Conference at the Seminary, July 8th to 16th; July 13th to 20th at Mount Hermon, the United Presbyterian Conference; July 22nd to August 12th at Mount Hermon, the Westminster Choir College; and on July 27th to August 12th at the Seminary, the Northfield General Conference. The Sacred Concert of the Northfield schools will be on Sunday May 12th; the commencement at the Seminary and at Mount Hermon will be on Monday June 10th and the Music Festival of the Westminster Choir college will be held in the Auditorium on Sunday August 11th. Northfield is promised an active summer season and again the usual thousands of visitors will be given a most cordial greeting. Indications point that most of our summer residents will return for the entire season and that there will be very few vacant summer homes. Reservations at the Hotel and for quarters in the schools dormitories are already being received. Each Conference will issue its own program and conduct its own affairs and the Press hopes soon to announce the complete details of each gathering. This season will be marked by the addition of two new gatherings—The Mount Hermon Alumni Institute and the Y.W.C.A. Business Girls' Conference. The continued growth of Northfield as a center of summer religious and recreational activity is more than an acknowledgment of the natural advantages of this undeniably beautiful bit of country. It is also a tribute to the vision of the pioneers who, inspired by D. L. Moody, saw buildings, rolling lawns, changed lives, and great traditions rising from the rather uninspiring bare and rocky meadows of this ancient Connecticut Valley community. These visions have materialized perhaps beyond the expectations of those early dreamers into the Northfield Seminary and Mount Hermon School, both of which become in the summer gathering places for the thousands who attend these summer conferences. The 1940 schedule offers one of the most complete and well-rounded programs in its religious recreational and cultural aspects in Northfield Conference history. Readers who desire further information should write to Northfield Summer Conferences Kenarden Hall, East Northfield, Mass. and such information will be gladly furnished.

Mrs. Jessie E. Orr

The sad intelligence reached Northfield early Tuesday morning of the death of Mrs. Jessie E. Orr at her home in New York City. Mrs. Orr was the daughter of Isaiah Moody, a brother of Dwight L. Moody and maintained a home on Pine Street in this town. She had been ill for some time but was on the way to recovery when illness again became apparent and her death was sudden. She is survived by a daughter, Miss Mildred Orr, who is a teacher at St. Timothy's school in Catonsville, Md. and two sons, Richard and Raymond Orr both of New York City. Also a sister, Mrs. Clara M. Buck. The body was brought to Northfield yesterday (Thursday) for burial in the family plot in Center cemetery with committal services at the grave at three o'clock.

Mrs. Emily C. Hillman

Mrs. Emily C. Hillman of East Northfield died Saturday, March 23, at the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital. For the past eight years she had been living with her daughter, Mrs. Franz M. George of this town. Mrs. Hillman was born in St. Genevieve, Mo., Sept. 12, 1850. Her husband Theodore A. Hillman died several years ago. She is survived by four daughters Mrs. W. F. Babbe of Jersey City, N. J., Mrs. R. L. Brown of West Orange, N. J., Mrs. H. G. Yorrough of New York City and Mrs. Franz M. George. The body was sent to New York for funeral services at the Stephen-Merritt funeral home. Interment was in Woodlawn cemetery, New York.

Mrs. Hillman had been a "shut-in" for a long time due to the feebleness of old age and she lived very quietly, knowing very few of the townspersons. But those who were her friends loved to visit her and see her cheery smile and listen to her tell anecdotes. Mrs. Hillman possessed a strong faith in Christ and was zealous in propagating the faith.

Everett E. Belding

Everett E. Belding, a native of Northfield and dean of the newspapermen in Franklin County, died at the Franklin County Hospital last Sunday. He was the last of the Belding family, early settlers in this town, to occupy the Belding place at South Vernon and shortly before his death had sold most of the entire estate. He had charge of the county correspondents for the Recorder Gazette and its news in this particular was very comprehensive. His funeral in Greenfield was largely attended and he was buried in Oak Grove cemetery at Springfield, where he had lived and was engaged in business for most of his life.

An Appeal For Books

There is a real need for books in good condition in China. The Chinese American Institute is making an appeal for technical and cultural books as well as books of fiction. Harry Erickson of Mount Hermon is much interested in the appeal and if any of our readers have any such books and are willing to contribute them, please call up Mr. Erickson by phone for complete details of forwarding.

CAUSE and EFFECT

by Ding Darling



Committee Named To Study School Matters

In compliance with the vote taken at the special meeting of the town held recently, gatherings have been held in each school district and a member of the special committee was named to study the subject of consolidation of our schools and the housing problem. East Northfield named Max L. Huber; West Northfield, Fred I. Bolton; Center, Willis K. Parker; No. 3, James E. Dresser; and No. 4, Ralph O. Leach. The school board named Sidney Given and it is likely that the selectmen will name Mr. Holton, who under the vote, will be chairman. This Committee will hold several meetings and discuss the problem and when ready to report their conclusions, another special meeting of the voters will be called to take action. The first meeting of the committee will be called this week end, it is said.

Browning - Marcy

In a home wedding, yesterday, Thursday afternoon Miss Ethel R. Marcy, daughter of John Marcy of Northfield, became the bride of Homer F. Browning, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer F. Browning of Northfield Farms. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. Stanley Carne pastor of the Congregational church. The wedding was at the grooms home.

The bride wore white, and her bridesmaid, Miss June R. Browning, wore an aqua taffeta gown. Herbert D. Marcy, brother of the bride, was best man, with Beatrice Hillcock as ring bearer.

Following an unannounced trip the couple will live in an apartment at the groom's parents' home. The bride attended Northfield seminary and graduated from Northfield high school in the class of 1939. The groom attended Northfield high school and is assisting on his parents' dairy farm.

Hosts To Garden Club

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Carr will be hosts to the members of the Northfield Garden Club at its regular monthly meeting, next Monday evening. Much time will be given to the consideration of matters in connection with the Flower Show to be given at the Chateau this summer. President Goodspeed promises a most interesting session.

Prof. Arnold M. Davis of the extension service of the Mass. State college will speak on English Gardens and his talk will be illustrated by lantern slides.

Ripley To Move

Owing to the expansion of their business, Ripley Brothers, have leased the large Williams store on Main Street and will take possession on May first to continue the manufacture of the New England Colonial rugs for which they have had a large demand. When they came to Northfield, they rented the old Postoffice building but it proved inadequate to their needs, and they have endeavored to find larger quarters. It is well to know that this infant industry is moving forward with success.

We Receive Our Share Of Income Tax Funds More Than Last Year

In the distribution of the income tax funds by the State, Northfield will receive \$3,268, which is more than last year. This amount will be applied in the total receipts of monies from the state, to the reduction of the town budget by the Assessors in determining the tax rate. Checks aggregating \$8,355,014, half of the state income tax, which must be distributed before April 15, were mailed to cities and towns of the state by State Treasurer William E. Hurley. Last year, \$7,739,945.47 was distributed as the first half of distribution.

Money sent out, an increase of \$624,608.53, represents half of what Tax Commissioner Henry F. Long estimates the state income tax will bring in this year. The increase is due to better business conditions and taxation of federal employees' income for 1939, the first time of such taxation.

The following list shows the amounts received by Franklin County towns: Ashfield, \$2180; Bernardston, \$2460; Buckland, \$3216; Charlemont, \$1676; Colrain, \$3034; Conway, \$1396; Deerfield, \$5966; Erving, \$2679; Gill, \$1990; Greenfield, \$35,405; Hawley, \$600; Heath, \$1098; Leverett, \$1267; Leyden, \$554; Monroe, \$1233; Montague, \$15; New Salem, \$839; Northfield, \$3268; Orange, \$9829; Rowe, \$764; Shelburne, \$4379; Shutesbury, \$518; Sunderland, \$2019; Warwick, \$788.

State Auto Inspection To Start April 1

On April 1 the semi-annual compulsory inspection of all motor vehicles will be started. On or before April 30 all car owners must obtain official approval of their brakes, head-lights, steering equipment, tires and other equipment.

Who's Got The Button

When the Hobby Show was given by the Fortnightly in Alexander Hall recently, Miss Amy Hamilton, made an unusual display of buttons, mounted and described on cards. It seemed to many as if here a new idea had prevailed in the way of hobby collection, but shortly after it was announced that a woman in South Deerfield, had gathered together a fine collection and now it is announced in the Brattleboro paper that Miss Ernestine Johnson of South Vernon has a large collection over 934 different buttons and recently exhibited them at the Pond school. Collecting buttons has become a real "hobby."

A Hermon Impression

James Lee Ellenwood, State Secretary of the Young Mens Christian Association of New York, who has been chosen as the graduation speaker at the Mount Hermon school commencement, has put into verse his impression of Mount Hermon and upon a recent visit recited it at a chapel service. The Press is happy to print it all to its readers.

I look upon those sturdy hills that face Mount Hermon's site

And pray that I may be strong as they, for God and right.

I see the farms that men have tilled to meet their daily need

And pray that I may also plant my share of useful seed.

I sit within these chapel walls

where love and peace endure

And hope throughout the coming years that I may be as pure.

I feel the goodness of this place since Hermon first began

And pray that while I live, I'll strive to be a Godly man.

B. & M. Has Deficit

Deficit of \$208,784.17, after fixed charges, is reported by the Boston and Maine railroad for February in the monthly financial statement, made public today. This compares with deficit of \$209,922.55, reported in February, last year.

The figures show, however, that for the first two months this year the deficit of the road is \$71,432.03 less than that reported in the first two months of 1939.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Information regarding Poll Taxes, as taken from General Laws relating to taxation.

Chapter 59, Section 1—In the year 1939 and annually thereafter a Poll Tax of \$2.00 shall be assessed on every male inhabitant of the Commonwealth above the age of 20, whether a citizen of the United States or an alien.

Chapter 59, Section 17—Male inhabitants of the Commonwealth who are 70 years of age or over, or who, during the preceding calendar year, were recipients of old age assistance or of aid furnished by municipalities from funds appropriated by them for the relief support, maintenance and employment of the poor, shall be assessed for, but shall be exempt at their request from the payment of a poll tax.

As indicated by the above sections from the laws relating to taxation all males 20 years of age or over must be placed on the list by the assessors and must be sent a tax bill by the collector of taxes, however those over 70 years of age or otherwise eligible for exemption may secure the proper application for abatement or exemption from the Board of Assessors, with whom the application must be filed when completed.

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Charitable Trusts Are Found Neglected By Town Authorities

During the past four years a study and investigation of some 350,000 wills, made under the direction of the Attorney General of the State, Paul A. Dever finds that approximately \$8,000,000 remains in hidden reservoirs and that purposes of gifts have not been carried out.

The survey was made by 53 WPA workers, supplemented by investigators from the attorney-general's office, and it covered wills probated in Massachusetts since Colonial days.

These funds, existence of which has been unknown for years, were originally donated by public spirited citizens for relief of the poor, construction of hospitals, libraries, recreational centers and for educational and religious purposes.

However, provisions requiring the expenditures of annual income were found to have been disregarded, through negligence or oversight, by allowing the income to accumulate. This unfruitful accumulation of income has been halted and the trustees required to spend the income.

In checking the number of members in the 60 cities and towns now covered by the Pioneer Valley Association fund, officials have announced that so far, the town of Ware has the largest membership. Northampton is second, Greenfield third, and Springfield fourth. "Although it is a splendid achievement to have enlisted nearly 1300 businesses, including banks, utilities, and others throughout the region, there is quite a difference in financing a program with \$15,000 and financing a program with \$20,000 we require," said John W. Haigis, president of the Association.

"Naturally, we CAN adjust our plans to meet revised budget, but we are hoping that this will not be necessary, and we are going to wait and appeal to all for more additional contributions to reach the total amount necessary to adequately carry on the outlined work."

Mount Hermon Sets Spring Schedule

Head Coach Axel Forslund of Mount Hermon has just made public the schedule of athletic events of the school's various sports as follows:

Baseball: May 11, Mass. State college '43, at Mount Hermon; May 23, Williston academy at Williston; May 29, Vermont academy at Mount Hermon; June 1, Deerfield academy at Mount Hermon.

Golf: May 8, Nichols junior college at Nichols; May 11, Father and Son golf tournament; May 15, Kimball Union academy at Hermon; May 18, Williston academy at Williston; May 29, Bay Path institute at Mount Hermon.

LaCrosse: May 4, Williams college '43 at Mount Hermon; May 18, Kimball Union academy at Kimball; May 25, Springfield college '43 at Mount Hermon; May 29, Deerfield academy at Mount Hermon.

Tennis: May 8, Williston academy at Williston; May 11, Springfield college '43 at Mount Hermon; May 29, Vermont academy at Mount Hermon; June 1, Deerfield academy at Mount Hermon.

Track: May 4, Vermont academy and Greenfield high at Mount Hermon; May 11, Mass. State college '43 at Hermon; May 18, Deerfield academy at Deerfield; May 30, Interscholastic track meet at Mount Hermon; June 1, Mass. State college relays.

"Tish" Drew Crowds

"Tish" produced at the Town Hall, Monday and Tuesday evenings by the Northfield Players, drew large audiences both evenings and reaped a large profit for the benefit of the Senior class Washington trip fund. The cast and story of the play was announced in a previous issue of the Press and the various characters were well portrayed and the action both natural and realistic.

Those who took the various parts acquitted themselves with credit and proved they were real thespians. Comment of the production is most favorable by our citizens and many express themselves that more such theatrical performances should be given to both amuse and entertain.

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TOWN TOPICS

Fred Webber and daughters, Misses Myrtle and Carol, Seminary students left today for a vacation in Washington, D. C. In July Mr. and Mrs. Webber and young son sail for India, where Mr. Webber has charge of a boys' school.

Prof. and Mrs. Stanton Yeager of Tufts college were luncheon guests at the Homestead Wednesday. Prof. Yeager was for many years the athletic director at Mount Hermon school.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman White and family of the Northfield Hotel are enjoying a vacation trip by motor to friends in North Carolina.

Mrs. Gordon Buffum and her two children have gone to Ithaca, N. Y. for a visit at her former home.

Gertrude Lawrence, well known actress of the stage was registered at the Northfield Hotel over last weekend.

The Franklin County Hermon club will meet Friday evening, April 5th at 6:30 at Mount Hermon school.

Miss Barbara Addison, daughter of Mrs. Mildred Addison is visiting relatives in Belmont.

The department of conservation assisted by the Fish and Game association members, distributed 2500 legal-sized trout in local streams, Monday.

Louis A. Webber is quite ill at his home on Parker Ave.

Miss Helen Detweiler of the Hostel spent last weekend with her family in New York City.

Peaslee Bond of the Hostel staff was the guest of Miss Margaret Dean and her family at their home in South Lincoln, last week end.

The Misses Edna Grodman, Virginia Mahringer and Faith Owers of the Youth Hostel were guests Easter Sunday of Frederick Robbins, at his studio in Westboro.

At the final meeting of the Greenfield Choral club Tuesday night, Miss Helen Conley was elected recording secretary of the club for the coming year.

Betty Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smith is home on vacation. Saturday night she is entertaining a group of friends Barbara Addison, Arlene Dunnell, Frances and Mary Eddy, Helen and Gloria Savheff, and Fay Warkock; Ian French, Bob Fuller, Atkins King, Billy Huber, Winthorpe Janes and Billy Richardson.

Miss Arlene Dunnell was in Springfield this week visiting her cousins.

Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed, president of the Fortnightly, entertained the executive committee and friends, Monday afternoon, at her home on Main street. After a short business session Miss Bernice Webster, Mrs. Goodspeed's sister, from New York, spoke on experiences on walking tours in Europe. Tea was served with Mrs. William Barr and Mrs. Robert McCastline pouring.

Northfields Postmasters with their wives will attend the meeting of the Western Massachusetts Postmasters Association which will be held at Easthampton on Tuesday April 2nd. Dinner will be served at noon, a business session will follow, while the "wives" are entertained at the theatre.

A supper was given Wednesday evening at Northfield Farms at the school house for the benefit of the High school Senior class fund. Dancing was enjoyed afterward to the music of Jillsons orchestra.

Calvin Field is at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Field for his vacation from Purdue.

Grove Deming Jr. is having a vacation from his studies at Wentworth Institute in Boston and is at his home at Mount Hermon.

Mrs. Laura Stevens of Mount Hermon spent the week end at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Stark in Boston.

David Stevens has finished his first year of study at the Stockbridge School of Agriculture in Amherst and is spending a week's vacation with his mother, Mrs. Laura Stevens and with friends in Northfield and Mount Hermon. He will go Friday to Barnstable to work on a farm until October as part of the program of his course at Stockbridge.

Miss Winifred Kemp a third year student at the Seminary, has been chosen as editor of the Star, the school paper, for the coming year. Her home is in Portuguese West Africa.

Miss Mira B. Wilson, Principal of the Seminary, who is on leave, has been enjoying the scenery and climate of California for several weeks and is now at Santa Barbara for an indefinite stay.

Governor Leverett Saltonstall will be the principal speaker at the dinner meeting of the Hampshire Republican Club at the Hotel Northampton this Friday evening. An invitation has been extended to the members of the Town Republican Committee to attend.

The Senior Class of the High school will go to Washington, leaving here on Friday April 12th. Principal and Mrs. Richard A. Cobb will accompany the class.

I desire to express my deepest gratitude for every kind expression of sympathy and for all the kindnesses extended, during my recent bereavement, also for use of cars and other assistance, and for the beautiful floral tributes sent.

Sadie A. Donigan

At the meeting of the Greenfield Rotary Club held at the Weldon Hotel Wednesday evening of last week, a silent tribute was paid to the memory of Lester A. Polhemus, who was a member. At this meeting nominations were made for officers to be chosen at the annual meeting and George McEwan received the nomination for treasurer.

Roy J. Fish of Winchester Rd. has resigned his work at the Carmean store at Mount Hermon school and begins immediately to represent the John Hancock Life Insurance Co. in this territory with office at Springfield. He will continue to make his home in Northfield.

At the annual meeting of the trustees of the Franklin County Hospital held last week Thursday, Dr. Halbert G. Stetson was renamed as President and Rev. John B. Whitteman, Vice-President. Amherst G. Moody was reelected a trustee to represent Northfield.

Miss Dorothy Quinlan is on a visit with friends in Philadelphia and will also visit Washington before returning.

Mr. Harry Mahoney and daughter, Judith Ellen, have come from Akron, Ohio, to spend a month with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Walker spent last weekend with their daughter and husband in Providence, R. I.

Sunday school teachers of the Congregational church at a meeting Monday evening at the Homestead, decided to continue sessions through the summer months. Prof. I. J. Lawrence was named as chairman of the program committee for childrens day in June.

Mrs. Genevieve F. Maisch of New York City spent the Easter holiday with Rev. and Mrs. Ellis E. Jones at their home in Vernon.

At the annual meeting of the Fish and Game Association held Monday evening all officers were reelected as follows:—President James E. Dresser, Vice-Prest Dr. R. G. Holton, Secretary George Sheldon and Treasurer Harlan Atwood. Game Warden McShane of this district was present and gave a most interesting talk.

Monroe Smith of the Youth Hostel left Monday for Tucson Arizona to join his wife who is recovering from illness and together they will soon return to Northfield. His trip was delayed a week owing to other engagements.

Local Boy Scouts have gone to their cabin on Ashuelot hill to enjoy weekends recently. They do their own cooking and housekeeping.

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Miss Fanny C. Hatch, who has been wintering at St. Petersburg, is reported as much better after her recent illness.

Mrs. Fred S. Merrifield, who has been quite ill at her home for the past three months is improving. Recently she received a visit from her son, M. E. Richardson.

Mrs. Gladys Miller Polhemus has returned to her home in Boston after a stay with Mrs. Lester A. Polhemus on Highland Ave. Her husband, Tabor Polhemus, came on and motored back with her last weekend.

Miss Jean V. Giebel of Springfield spent Easter with her parents, Rev. W. H. Giebel and Mrs. Giebel.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Holton of Highland Ave. have returned from their vacation visit to their son, Chandler at Atlanta and to points in Florida.

Mrs. Arthur Packard and son, Billy, of Rye, N. Y. spent several days this week at the Homestead. The social committee of the

Congregational church will serve a cafeteria supper in the vestry of the church Wednesday April 17 at 6 o'clock.

The preacher at the Congregational church next Sunday morning will be Rev. George Tuttle of Florence, who is field secretary of the Congregational churches in Western Massachusetts.

Don Sutherland is at the home of his parents on Parker Ave. for the Easter vacation from Wesleyan college at Duncannon, West Va. Stanley Newton is at his home here also from the same college.

Ernest Bolton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Bolton is spending his vacation from Syracuse University at his home.

Miss Alice Jack, of New York City spent last weekend at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Bonner Jack of Highland Ave.

Miss Pauline Moor of Boston spent last weekend with her mother at their home on Birnam Road.

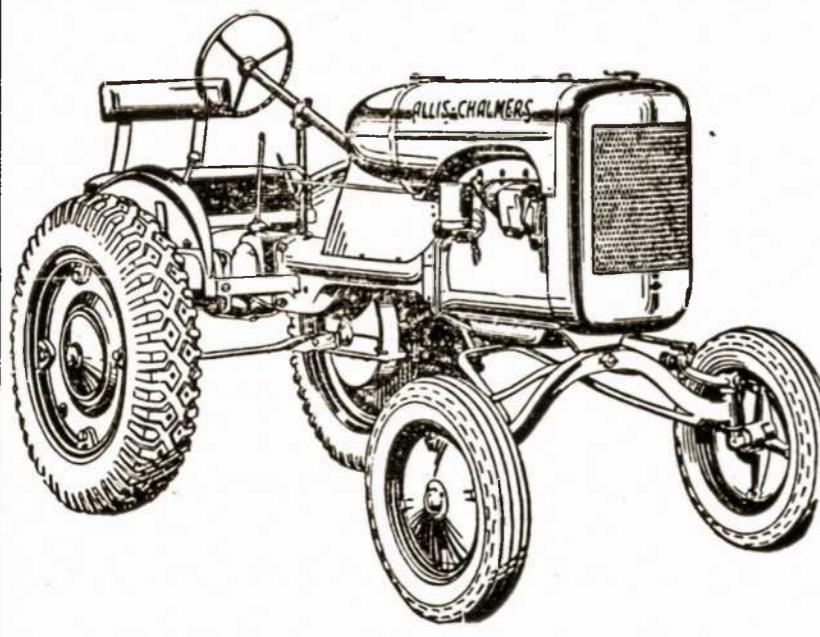
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Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding were recent visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adams at the Vernon Home.

Misses Marjorie Tyler, Helen Scherlin, Elva Martineau and Ruth Dunklee, have come to their homes for a vacation from their studies at Castleton Normal school.

Rev. Guy L. Vannah D. D. principal of the N. E. School of Theology in Boston, will be the speaker at the South Vernon church Sunday morning at 10:30, and in the evening at 7. Sunday school at 11:45. Mid-week prayer meeting at the Vernon Home Thursday at 7 p. m.

The 25th wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest W. Streeter, was held at the Pond school instead of at their home, as reported last week. Rev. F. H. Leavitt, who gave reminiscences, was the clergyman who joined them in marriage in 1915.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Darby and daughter Merna of Uncasville Conn., spent Sunday with Mrs. Darby's mother, Mrs. Frank B. Holton.

Alma and Ruth Dunklee are members of the accordion band which gave a concert Wednesday evening at the Masonic Temple in Brattleboro.

The South school PTA will have a business meeting and an entertainment Tuesday evening. Mrs. E. P. Edson will have charge of the program.

The entertainment and food sale by the mission society at the Vernon home, Wednesday evening of last week netted the society \$10.33. Included in the program were a reading and two Jew's harp solos by E. S. Brailey; harmonica selections by Richard Harris; a whistling solo by Mrs. Jennie Warnock; duet by Mrs. Warnock and Mrs. Gladys Shattuck; and solo by Barbara Harris. Mrs. Montague of Northfield exhibited a cornecob doll, considerably over 100 years old, and told the history of its owner, who was captured by Indians. Rev. F. H. Leavitt showed slides of the home, South Vernon church, and Northfield seminary buildings.

There will be an entertainment in the Vernon town hall this Friday evening at 8 o'clock for the benefit of the Vernon Union church. There will be a program including the play "Sparks from an Old Flame" presented at the last meeting of Vernon Grange.

Mrs. Erwin Johnson of Brattleboro, formerly of South Vernon, is ill in the Brattleboro Memorial hospital.

Miss Blanche Bushey, teacher in the Pond school, is spending her vacation at her home in Monckton, Vt.

Church Services

UNITARIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mary Andrews Conner Sunday, 9:45, church school; 10:45, church worship. The sermon will be "Getting Rid of Jesus." In the musical service among the singers will be Ralph Taylor of Putney, Vt.

TRINITARIAN CHURCH

Rev. W. Stanley Carne Sunday school at 10. At 11, preaching service, sermon by Rev. George Tuttle of Florence. At 2:30, Sunday school at the Farms followed by worship. At 6:45, Senior Endeavor. At 7:30, worship with special music.

Tuesday at 3, Bible class meets with Mrs. Colton; leader, Mrs. Giebel. At 7:30, C. E. cottage prayer service.

Wednesday at 3, Women's Misionary society; subject, "Circles Within a Circle"; leaders, Miss Mercy Brann and Mrs. Philip Porter.

Thursday, the all day meeting of the Sewing society; lunch at noon. At 7:30, prayer service at the vestry, followed by choir rehearsals.

A Pioneer Valley Map

According to Miss Elizabeth Shoemaker, Secretary of the Pioneer Valley Association, it is proposed to issue a detail tourist map of the counties of Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin, which compose the "valley." Said map will show all roads and highways and mark the places of historic and scenic interest. Communities will be described and their attractiveness stated, which means that Northfield will be included. It should prove of much value to every community in the area. The cost of the first edition will probably be about \$1,000 and will be ready for distribution the latter part of May.

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Spring! When the weather's fine.
Spring! When the country beckons.

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Spring! And a million cars out.
Spring! When the motors hum.
So, if you go walking,
Spring when you see 'em come!

TOWN TOPICS

Conway is the second town in the county to announce its tax rate as \$28, the same as last year. The High School Review made its appearance last week with 18 pages, with articles by Center school pupils. Miss Julia Austin is the faculty advisor.

The high school junior dance will be at Town Hall April 5 from 8 to 12 with round and square dances. The ticket committee includes Robert Fuller, Evelyn Russell, Beth Hammond and Winifred Brown.

Arthur D. Platt of the faculty of Mount Hermon school was a guest of the Kiwanis Club of Shelburne Falls last week Friday evening at their meeting at the Shelburne Inn.

The will of Lester A. Polhemus, who died recently, was filed in Probate Court last Friday. It was written September 19, 1933 and names his wife, Jessamine May Polhemus as his sole beneficiary and executrix.

The Connecticut Valley Bible Conference was held at the Congregational church in Buckland last week Thursday and attended by several from this town.

Miss June Wright is spending the Easter vacation at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Allen H. Wright. She is a teacher at Lexington.

For the benefit of those who are preparing to attend the New York Worlds Fair, the Press has been informed, that the gates will open for admissions on May 11th.

Stanley Payson who has been at the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital has returned to his home much improved.

Mrs. Harold Davis of Winchester, formerly a resident of this town, has been at the Elliott Community Hospital in Keene for several weeks following an operation. She has now returned to her home and is improving.

Local taxpayers will be interested to learn that Erving is the first town in Franklin County to report its tax rate for the present year. The rate will be \$25 per thousand, which is a reduction of \$2 from last year.

Mary Allen, Mary Eddy, Frances Hale, Esther Smolen and Esther Brassor of the cooking class of the Northfield High School, accompanied by their teacher, Miss Agnes B. Casey were in Greenfield last Saturday morning to give a class demonstration over station WHAI, sponsored by the Electric Light Co.

Another card game was played by the teams from the Masonic fraternity of Hinsdale and Northfield, at Harmony Lodge Hall on Parker Street last week Friday evening. Twenty four players were on each team.

To Participate

Massachusetts participation in the World's Fair of 1940 in New York became assured this week when Governor Leverett Saltonstall announced that the Governor's executive council had approved an appropriation of \$20,000 for that purpose. The 1940 Fair will open May 11.

Contracts for Massachusetts participation will be signed within a few days. At the request of Senator Angier L. Goodwin, chairman of the Massachusetts World's Fair Commission, a continuation agreement will be drawn up by the Fair and submitted for signature in Boston.

Governor Saltonstall was very much pleased with the Massachusetts display in the New England exhibit a year ago. More than 2,378,000 persons visited the state pavilion during the 1939 season.

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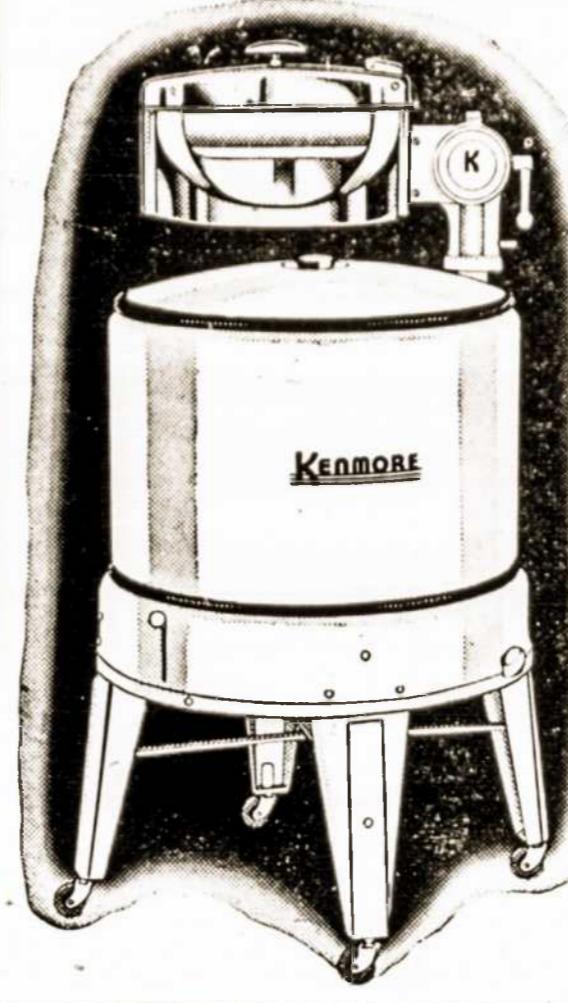
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Friday, March 29, 1940

EDITORIAL

Thanksgiving in 1940 in Massachusetts will be observed in the traditional way and at the established historic time, the last Thursday of November, according to an assurance given by Governor Saltonstall who says he will proclaim Thursday, November 28th 1940 as Thanksgiving day. The Governor says, "The last Thursday in November has unquestionably become in Massachusetts the inspiring symbol of the historical, patriotic and spiritual elements of the occasion." The Governors of Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Vermont have also now declared themselves for the holiday date, as did the Governor of our state. Surely in New England the protest is loud and definite against any changing by Presidential decree.

Never before in the history of this town has so much real estate found its way into the market, "for sale." Families are diminishing and the beautiful large homes are not profitable for maintenance by owners nor available for rental purposes. Owners who contemplate future residence, desire the smaller home, while many hope to spend winters elsewhere and only summer here. Properties are offered at prices much below their real values and to-day presents the opportunity to purchase at a real saving. This community will need a new influx of residents to absorb the available real estate, otherwise a very definite problem will prevail. It behoves us all to sell Northfield to our visitors this summer. They are prospects for permanent residents.

The Back Yard Gardener
By G. O. Oleson

The home gardener's best friends are the nurserymen. There are of course some qualifications to that statement, but the more I get around the more convinced I am that it is true, especially with folks like myself who are not certain whether ilex aquatica is a rose or a honeysuckle, when it is American holly.

If you really want to get somewhere in this gardening game, find a good nurseryman near your home and trust him to give you the best advice. You may ask how you will know if he is giving you the best advice. Well, it won't take you long to learn. For one thing, if he is honest, he will ask an honest price for his goods and no more.

I was reading two articles just this week in two different papers. They were both written by nurserymen, nad they were writing about this same general idea, only they were speaking to nurserymen and not to home gardeners. Plants properly handled and sold at a fair price make more friends and more money in the long run.

And speaking of roses, here are a few of the newer varieties recommended by a well known nurseryman. Among the hybrid teas—Dixon's Red, which is a glowing scarlet with exquisite fragrance; Hector Deane, buds of crimson with orange at the base; Mme. Charles Mallerin, orange copper color; Satan, beautiful red; Red Boy, which has single flowers and scarlet blushed with orange; Lady Lindsay, which produces double pink flowers.

Among the climbing roses he recommends Red Blaze and the yellow Doublepans, and then a new one, June Morn, which has a bud of golden yellow on the outside of the petal and a watermelon pink on the inside; also Golden Light, which is a golden yellow flower with a red stripe in the bud.

And now I might say just a word about the early care of roses. Uncover them as early as freezing weather is past. Then clean the beds and prune the roses and spray with a good fungicide.

Roses like plenty to eat so give them a good feeding of a well balanced fertilizer. For hybrid perennials, one recommendation says one rounded tablespoonful to each square foot early and then again when the buds begin to

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are well started.

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Do you know that in Massachusetts the number of pairs of shoes produced per worker increased from 1616 in 1929 to 1718 in 1937 and apparently was still larger in 1939 . . . Three million pairs of the new steel toe safety shoe, invented by a Holliston manufacturer, were made in that town in 1939 . . . The Boston Consolidated Gas Company is the largest gas company in New England, serving approximately 250,000 customers . . . Massachusetts was the first colony to record vital statistics; its record of births, marriages and deaths began in 1639 . . . Deaths from pneumonia in Massachusetts dropped to 3120 in 1939, compared with 4174 in 1937 . . . The state of the Boston Massacre, 30 State Street, is marked by a brass arrow pointing into the street where a cobblestone circle indicates the exact spot where the first patriots fell when fired upon by the British . . . Three hundred thousand guests are expected at the American Legion national convention in Boston next September . . . A Cambridge man and his wife invented the best rust-proofing process yet devised and have recently developed a method of rust-proofing ferrous metals in various colors . . . nine town suburbs of Boston have lot size restrictions in their zoning laws in certain areas ranging from 20,000 square feet to one acre.

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